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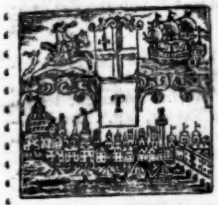

HE *shocking Letters* you gave us a few Weeks ago, from Count *Zinzendorff*, Leader of the *Moravian Refugees* in *Pensylvania*, to some of his Congregation, and the Assurance I have just now had, not only from the *London Evening Post* of this Night, but from a Person who had himself been initiated into their *Mysteries*, that these *Moravians* and the *Methodists* acknowledge themselves *Brethren*, reminded me of a *short Essay* that I had by me, which I perswaded myself would not be *unacceptable* to your Readers. If you are of the same Opinion, I expect to see it in *your Paper* next *Saturday*, having been as *expeditious* as possible in sending it, after seeing the said *Evening Post*, and receiving the said *Assurance*. The *Piece* was writ above four Years ago, by a particular Friend of mine, who had too much Zeal for *pure Religion* to restrain his Resentment at any *Abuses* of the Name of it: But, tho' a few *Copies* of it were then dispers'd, it cannot be said to have been ever made *publick*. It was necessary to mention this Circumstance of the *Date*, to explain one or two *Particulars*, which however may be as applicable *now* as they were on any *former Occasion*.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 13, 1743. Yours, in Haste, P. B.

An ESSAY *on* ENTHUSIASM.

AS *Propriety of Character* commands Attention and Respect, so *Absurdity* and *Affectation* are the Source of Ridicule. There could not be a more *comic* Spectacle than to see *Alexander the Great* represented by *Hippisley* or *Penkethman*, with their usual Grimace; or the extravagant Fury of *Œdipus* express'd by *Cibber*, in the Tone, Air, and Habit of his favourite *Pistol*. It is not the *Personage* they assume, but their Natural *Fitness*, and thorough *Knowledge* of the Parts they attempt, that determines the Merit of our *Theatrical Actors*. The same may be said in general of the Actors in *Life*, and in every particular *Profession* among us. The most celebrated *Physician* would soon ruin his own Reputation, were he to appear on the Stage of a *Mountebank*, and endeavour to recommend himself, and his Universal Packets, by the Eloquence of a *Merry Andrew*.

The *Absurdity* of these mock Performances is more conspicuous, and the *Ridicule* arising from it more strong and well grounded, in Proportion as the *Character* thus burlesqu'd is in itself *solemn*, and as he who burlesques it is naturally *unfit* for the Support of any Thing serious. What shall we say then at seeing the *most solemn* of all *Characters*, that of an *Embassador of the Gospel*, prostituted and profan'd by an *illiterate whimsical Fop*, whose very Appearance and common Behaviour are absolute Contradictions to all his *Pretensions*? Is it *ludere cum sacris* to laugh at such a *Fellow* as this, because he arrogates to himself the Authority of a *Divine Commission*? Will Dr. *Mead* think himself reflected on in what may be written against T—n—r the Quack, because he also call himself *Doctor*? or would his Grace the *Archbishop of Canterbury* believe it any Affront to his Cloth, or to himself in particular, were he to see a Satire against the celebrated *Fleet Parson*, vulgarly known by the Name of *Archbishop of Hell*?

There is no Way of doing so much Service to *true Religion*, as the teaching People to contemn the *Mimickry* of it: As there are no Men in the World so likely to injure it, as they who profess it upon *corrupt* and *servile Principles*, and endeavour to recommend and enforce it by *Sophistical Arguments*, and *Mechanical Operations*. I will not say that *every* one who makes Use of these, knows them to be such, or is sensible of the *Corruption* and *Hypocrisy* of his own *Heart*: For as a Man may repeat a *Lye* 'till he believes it himself to be *true*, so may a hair-brain'd and over-heated *Coxcomb*, when he meets with Encouragement, practise upon his own *Passions*, and those of his deluded *Followers*, 'till he imagines the *God of Order* to be the Author of those *Distortions*, *Howlings*, and *Abuses* of the Human Figure and Judgment, which he daily retails to the Ignorant and Unwary. But I will venture to affirm, that wherever these appear, there must be originally a great deal of *Conceit* and *Folly*, as well as *Hypocrisy* and Desire of *Applause*, in the Composition of such a Character. It begins in *Vanity*, proceeds in *Deceit*, and ends in *Delusion*: Which latter is what, out of Pity to the incurable Madmen, we call by the softer Name of *Enthusiasm*. Tho' it is hard to say what Compassion is due to that *Distemper*, which a Person contracts by a long and obstinate Continuance in a *voluntary Fault*.

These *Reflections* will not seem *unnatural*, or *ill-tim'd*, if we add to them a little Observation on the Conduct and Writings of some late *Abusers* in the Orbit of Religion. *Abusers* I call them, because I imagine their *Blaze*, as it is *irregular*, will be of *short Duration*. Yet as in the mean Time we see many *weak* and *unguarded* Persons apt to be misguided by this *fallacious Light*, it is the Business of every Man, who wishes well to the Community, to endeavour all in his Power to prevent these mischievous Effects: And this can be no Way so well done as by exposing the *latent Cause*, which, tho' they do not perceive it, every Man or Woman, who runs after these *Will with the Wisp*, has in him or herself. I will not be afraid of the *Execrations* of these *Deakins in Damnation*, who, if I am rightly inform'd, are not behind even the *Muggletonians* in the Frequency and Severity of their *Censures*.

By a wrong Interpretation of the Rule of *Faith*, they set aside *common Sense*, the only Test of all Matters of *Belief*, as well as *Practice*. And unhappily for themselves, the *Populace*, too well instructed in the Doctrine of FEAR, greedily swallow whatever strikes them with *Terror*, and are made *Slaves* by those very Truths which were design'd to release them from *Slavery*. The Gospel breaths nothing but *Liberty* and *Sobriety*: But these Men, inured to a Contempt of all that is *simple* and *plain*, would make *Mortifications*, *Penances*, eternal *torturing* the Human Nature, extravagant *lavishing* the Fruit of our Industry, terrible *Apprehensions*, continual *Suspicions* of our most innocent Actions, watching over the necessary Operations of our Passions and Appetites, to be the very Spirit and Essence of *true Piety*: Contrary to the apparent Design of that *all-wise Being*, who has so beautifully blended together the *Active* and the *Reasonable* in our Constitutions. Need we wonder at the *irksome Morosness* of these Creatures, who dare not suffer themselves to be *good-natur'd* and *affable*? Need we wonder at their *Aversion* to the rest of Mankind, who strive to make themselves another Species of *Beings*?

Perhaps, after all, I am even now going on too fast in their Favour. There is but too much room to suspect, if Fame say true, that this *either'd Face of Despair* is turn'd to the *World* only, and to the *new Converts*, for a short time; and that these *Latter*, as they advance in Docility, are shewn by Degrees the *other Side* of the *Janus*, which is turn'd to them entirely after they enter into the *Close Band*. I would not, however, affirm more than is certain: But this every Observer may see, that the *Farce* might have pass'd better on Numbers of People, if the *Actors* had known better how to support the *Characters* they assume.

I will not meddle with their irregular *Field-Meetings*, at a Time when Liberty, at least in Religion, is fully indulged: I omit their insolent *Invectives* against their Brethren, who are content with being privately good and communicative: I almost commiserate their desperate *Insults* on Authority, and rash *Attempts* to provoke the Powers that despise them. Every one sees what they would be at: They want an Opportunity to cry out *Persecution*, and would be glad to break their Heads against a *Whipping Post*, that they might charge their *Blood* on the Magistrates who erected it: But alas! they are mistaken. I, though *uninspir'd*, will venture Prophecy against Prophecy, that the *Bonds* * and *Chains* they foretel, will be long in *Expectation*. It is not the *true Church* only, of which the *Blood of Martyrs* is the *Seed*. *Truth* needs no other Witness than what *herself* brings: But *Falsehood*, *Heresy*, and *Delusion*, must be propagated by more sensible and popular Means.

It is this Motive, I apprehend, join'd with others more generous, that restrains our *Governors* from gratifying the Desires of these *Madmen*; these Devourers of the *Poor* and *Ignorant*, whom they not only *impede* in the Pursuit of their daily Occupations, but the little Fruit of whose Labour they are ever diligent to *draw off*: Otherwise, a great Pretender to *Self-denial* might be punish'd as a *Cheat*, if, while he preaches up Contempt of all the *Fashions of this World*, he appears himself, in his own Way, at the very *Head* of them, with a *sleek Band*, a *rustly Gown* and *Perruque*, and a *Gold Watch* in a Pair of *Velvet Breeches*. Had the Prophet *Jeremiah* dress'd in this foppish Manner, when he exhorted the Children of *Israel* to take up their *Sack-cloth* and *Ashes*, we should hardly blame the King of *Judah* for casting him into the *Dungeon*.

A Man is justly thought fond of that *Subject* on which he continually dwells: What then shall we think of their *Female Examination*, which turns almost wholly on the Subject of *Love*? For my own Part, as I could never read it without *blushing* for the Compilers, I shall not attempt to make others *blush* by the Repetition of such a lusicious Heap of *spiritual Bombast*. But this is not the only Instance of their *amorous Insinuations*; the same Strain runs thro' all their Writings. *Love-Feasts* till Midnight, or till Three or Four o'Clock in the Morning, at which the Brethren and Sisters receive *great Consolation*, if they are in themselves really *innocent*, cannot but excite *naughty Ideas* in the Minds of the *Unenlighten'd*. Can any one talk of *lying in the Bosom of the Soul*, without reflecting on the Pleasure of *lying in a Bosom of Flesh and Blood*? I own, to me the *Thing* seems as *impossible*, as the *Phrase* is in itself both *profane* and *ridiculous*. No other Words are wanting to make these People appear *despicable* (to use no harsher Expression) than what may be collected from their own *Rhapsodies*, especially those of their *Arch-Apostle* and *Ringleader*. If a *Collection* of this Kind had been fairly made from his Mouth, I believe the meanest of his *Admirers* would be asham'd to say a Word in his *Defence*.

From my own APARTMENT.

WITH regard to what my Correspondent says of the Harmony between the *Methodists* and *Moravians*, I remember to have heard, about a Year ago, that there was then in this City a Person who

* *Wh—field*, in his Journals publish'd about this Time, affected much to talk of Bonds, Chains, and Persecutions.

call'd himſelf the *Apoſtle* of the * *Charokee Indians*, and profeſs'd to have been in Communion with both the the ſaid Denominations in *America*. This Man, in what he call'd *preaching the Goſpel* to his new Diſciples, had a Plan for building a Sort of Chriſtianity upon the *Idolatry* practis'd among them, which he ſaid had a great Mixture of *Judaiſm*. The *Charokees* held with a *Plurality* of *Wives*, which the Apoſtle could very well reconcile to his *Conſcience*, and to the *New Teſtament*; as he could likewiſe many of their *Superſtitions*, according to a manuſcript Form of *Inſtructions* he had with him, wherein was an *Expoſition* of his whole *Doctrine*. He own'd, he had ordain'd among theſe People an Order of *Deaconeſſes*, finding the Women *more docile* frequently than the Men, and ſome of them inveſted with more *Authority* than in other Nations. I do not charge any of this Perſon's *ſimple Notions* upon either the *Moravians* or the *Methodiſts*, who would hardly be ſuffer'd to *practiſe* according to them, if ſo inclin'd, in the Countries were they are eſtabliſh'd: But perhaps it might be worth while to know what *Conceſſions* they would make on theſe Heads, if a Man could be ſure their *Leaders* would deal *ſincerely*. I mention this as a *Hint* only; for by what I learn'd farther, our *Apoſtle* thought he had diſcover'd in the Country of theſe *Charokees* a *Silver Ore*, which would produce more than that of *Potoſi*; a Circumſtance that might very well render *ſuſpected* his Zeal for the *Converſion* of the poor *Natives*.

* The Charokees (or Cherokees) are one of the moſt numerous and civiliz'd of all the Nations that confine upon the Britiſh Settlements in North America. They lie on the Back, or at the Weſt of South Carolina, partly on this, and partly on the other Side of the Apalachean Mountains.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Conſtantinople, Oct. 25. The bad News that came from time to time from the Frontiers of Perſia prevail'd upon the Sultan to depoſe the Grand Vizir Ali Ogli, and put in his Room Haſſan Baſhaw, Aga of the Janiſſaries, as hath been ſaid already; but this was done purely out of Complaiſance for the Janiſſaries, whom it behoves the Porte to humour in the preſent Conjuncture, and who expreſly deſir'd that this Baſhaw ſhould be made Grand Vizir.

None of Ali Ogli's Eſtate nor Effects have been taken from him: At firſt he was ſent to Metelino, but he has ſince receiv'd Orders to repair towards Aleppo, that he may be at Hand to labour for an Accommodation with the Perſians if he finds a favourable Opportunity, or elſe to take upon him, in Quality of Seraſkier, the Command of the Army aſſembling on the Frontiers.

In the mean time Affairs grow worſe and worſe every Day. Shah Nadir, after having in vain ſummon'd the Baſhaw of Babylon to ſurrender, march'd forwards and fell upon Kirkut, which he has made himſelf Maſter of: Then he took his Route by Moſul and thro' Diarbekir, and by the lateſt Accounts he ſeems to have a Mind to come and lay Siege to Aleppo, which cauſes a great Conſternation here. However, the Porte flatter themſelves that they will be able to prevent him; for which Purpoſe they are drawing away as many Troops as they can from Europe, which do not march by this Capital, but are tranſported to the neareſt Coaſts to Aleppo. The Prince whom we brought from Rhodes, where he lay conceal'd, and proclaim'd and crown'd Sophi of Perſia, is in the Army; but the preſent Poſture of Affairs does not promiſe a happy Iſſue of this Project.

We have a Confirmation of the Rebellion in Egypt; and we hear that 10,000 Arabians have alſo revolted at Baſſora. Demands for Men and Money come from all Quarters; but the Porte, who fears that all this is done in concert with the Perſians, does not truſt the Baſhaws of remote Provinces. The Squadron of Gallies that was ſent to Aſoph is come back.

Peterſbourg, Nov. 23. A few Days ſince the Empreſs ſign'd an Act, whereby ſhe guaranties Sileſia purely and ſimply to the King of Pruſſia. The Miniſtry have deliver'd to the Queen of Hungary's Reſident, at the Requeſt of that Princeſs, an Extract of all the Depoſitions againſt the Marquiſs de Botta.

The Swediſh General During has had another Conference with the Miniſtry concerning the Renunciation of the Dutchy of Holſtein; and we are aſſur'd, that the Anſwer given by them in the Empreſs's Name is, that the Prince Royal of Sweden may do as he pleaſes, but that the Grand Prince never would renounce his Right to that Dutchy.

Stockholm, Dec. 2. There is a new Spirit riſing in this Kingdom, which portends ſome extraordinary Event. The King of Denmark, it ſeems, avoids giving a definitive Anſwer on the Propoſitions that have been made him, and affects to leave us under the greateſt Uncertainty whether we are to have Peace or War; only it is pretty clear that he talks of the former, with an Intention to provide effectually for the later. Our Miniſtry here have explain'd this Point to the Senate, and have ſhewn, that by ſuch a lingering Negotiation, we ſuffer more than we ſhould do from an open War; and therefore it now ſeems to be determin'd, that in caſe the King of Denmark will not give us a determinate Anſwer, this Crown, in Conjunction with Ruſſia, will in the Spring endeavour to bring him to Reaſon by the Sword. The Marquiſs de Lanmarie has receiv'd great Remittances from Paris; and the Marquiſs de la Chetardie aſſur'd his Majeſty, at his Departure, that he would employ all his Intereſt with the Czarina, in order to engage her to act in a Manner agreeable to the laſt mention'd Plan.

Copenhagen, Dec. 7. Count Teſſin, the Swediſh Embaſſador, having propos'd in due Form the Marriage of the Prince Royal of Sweden with the King's Daughter, his Majeſty has made Anſwer, as 'tis ſaid, that this Affair requir'd mature Deliberation, notwithſtanding which his Excellency ſhould ſpeedily receive a poſitive Anſwer. The Admiralty has receiv'd Orders to fit out four more Ships of the Line.

Madrid, Nov. 26. We have receiv'd Advice that the Commandant of the King's Troops encamp'd at St. Roch near Gibraltar, has ſign'd a Convention with the Governor of that Fortreſs, the Subſtance of which is, 'That the Spaniſh Privateers ſhall for the 'future abſtain from cruizing in the Streights of 'Gibraltar, upon Condition that the Engliſh Ships 'refrain from ſtopping the Veſſels that carry Provi'ſions to Ceuta, which Veſſels ſhall be diſtinguiſh'd 'by a blue Flag.'

Genoa, Nov. 30. We hear from Parma, that they are eſtabliſhing vaſt Magazines in the Modeneze and the Provinces adjacent for Prince Lobkowitz's Army, and that ſeveral arm'd Barks are arriv'd from Iſtria on the Coaſts of the Eccleſiaſtick State, in order to prevent the Spaniſh Army's getting any Prov.ſions by Sea.

Barcelona, Nov. 25. Some hundreds of Seamen have been lately ſent away to Toulon to compleat the Companies of the King's Ships in that Harbour. We hear from Cadiz, that two French Regiſter Ships ſail'd from thence the 8th Inſtant for Buenos Ayres; that another of the ſame Nation ſail'd a few Days after for the South Seas; and that theſe three Ships are richly laden with all Sorts of Goods of the Product or Manufacture of France.

Turin, Nov. 30. Two Couriers are ſet out from hence; one of them goes to London, and the other to Vienna; the Subject of their Diſpatches is the Execution of the Treaty of Worms, the King deſiring to be put in Poſſeſſion, before the Concluſion of a Peace, of the Territories which the Queen of Hungary cedes to him by that Treaty.

Hague, Dec. 15. The Marquiſs de Fenelon ſet out this Morning for Paris. The Abbe de la Ville preſented his Credentials Yeſterday Morning to the Preſident of the Aſſembly of the States General, in Quality of Miniſter from the King of France, and was acknowledged as ſuch. This Miniſter is very acceptable to all thoſe who are for keeping up a good Underſtanding with the French Court.

St. Malo, Dec. 11. The Merchants of this City are fitting out a great Number of Veſſels in all Haſte, in hopes of a ſpeedy Rupture with England.

From the Paris A-la-main, Dec. 18.

We hear from Alſace, that they are adding a Horn-Work, and ſome other Works, to the Fortifications of Haguenau.

A Regiment of Foot of four Battalions is actually raiſing in Poland for the Service of France; the Colonel of it is to be a Saxon.

We are actually raiſing two new Regiments of Huſſars; ſo that we ſhall have in all ſix Regiments of four Squadrons each, and 150 Men to a Squadron.

We hear no more of the Engliſh going to lay Siege to Monaco; but the Court is preparing in earneſt to ſend Reinforcements to the Spaniards in Italy.

We are aſſur'd that the M. de Grandville, Lieutenant-General, has been carried Priſoner to Saumur by the King's Orders, about the Capitulation of Ingolſtadt.

IRELAND.

Dublin, Dec. 6. Laſt Night died the Right Hon. Henry Bingham, Eſq; Member of Parliament for the Borough of Caſtlebar in the County of Mayo, and and one of his Majeſty's Moſt Honourable Privy-Council.

Laſt Saturday Night we had the greateſt Fog that was ever ſeen in this City, which occaſion'd ſeveral Accidents. A Horſe and Chaiſe with two Gentlemen, fell into the River at George's Quay, but the People were ſav'd; a Woman fell into the River at the Coal Quay, and a Man near Eſſex Bridge, and were drown'd.

The Money given to the Jury on the Trial between Mr. Annelley and the Earl of Angleſea, was, by the unanimous Conſent of the Gentlemen, left to the Diſpoſal of Sir Thomas Taylor, Bart. their Foreman; who was pleas'd to beſtow it on the Charitable Infirmary on the Inn's Quay, for the Relief of the ſick and wounded Poor taken care of in that Hoſpital.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Dec. 6. Yeſterday Morning died here Mrs. Katharine Weir, of Blackwood, Wife to the Right Hon. Charles-Hope Weir, of Craigiehall, Eſq; Member of Parliament for the Shire of Weſt Lothian: She was a Lady of a Character ſo truly amiable that ſhe is moſt juſtly regretted.

LONDON.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to create the Right Hon. Samuel Sandys, Eſq; Member of Parliament for Worceſter, late one of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to be a Peer of Great Britain, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron Sandys of Omberſly in Worceſterſhire, Viſcount Chippenham in the County of Wilts, and Earl of Eveſham in the County of Worceſter.

On Saturday laſt John Ravenhill, Eſq; late an eminent Mercer on Ludgate-hill, ſet out for Worceſter, in order to offer himſelf a Candidate to repreſent that City, in the room of Mr. Sandys, now Earl of Eveſham.

We hear that the Lord Sundon, the Lord William Manners, and Henry Fox, Eſq; will be appointed Lords of the Treaſury.

The Earl of Loudon is talk'd of to ſucceed the Lord Viſcount Cobham as Colonel of the firſt Troop of Horſe-Grenadier Guards.

And the Maſter of the Rolls to ſucceed the Earl of Cholmondeley, Privy-Seal, as Chancellor of the Dutchy of Lancaſter.

Laſt Week Charles Fitzroy, Eſq; who lately accepted of the Office of Groom-Porter to his Majeſty, in the room of Thomas Archer, Eſq; was rechoſen Member of Parliament for the Borough of Theiford, without Oppoſition.

At a Meeting of a great Number of the moſt principal Inhabitants of the Borough of Southwark, at the Fountain Tavern, it was unanimouſly agreed to Petition the Houſe of Commons for a falſe Return made at the late Election for a Member.

Monday upwards of 200 Pieces of Braſs and Iron Cannon, lately caſt at Woolwich, were landed at the Tower for the Service of his Majeſty's Garriſons of Gibraltar and Port-Mahon; their Carriages being already prepar'd 'tis expected they will ſpeedily be ſhipp'd for thoſe Places.

A few Days ſince Mr. Franks, an eminent Jew Merchant of this City, was married at Iſleworth to Miſs Hart, Daughter of Mr. Moſes Hart, an agreeable Lady, with a Fortune of 40,000 l.

A few Days ſince Mr. Howard, an Organiſt, was married to Miſs Bridges, Siſter to Mr. Bridges of the Six Clerks Office, a very agreeable Lady, with a Fortune of 6000 l.

Thurſday ſe'nnight was married, at St. Martin Outwich in Threadneedle-Street, Mr. Robert Tuck, Attorney at Law, of Chippenham in the County of Wilts, to Miſs Drew, one of the Coheireſſes to the late Sir Harry Drew; an agreeable young Lady with a Fortune of 5000 l.

The ſame Day Mr. Waller, a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of a large Eſtate in Warwickſhire, was married at Bath to Miſs Anne Henſhall, a near Relation to the Earl of Bath; a beautiful young Lady with a Fortune of 15,000 l.

The ſame Day Sir John Cuſt, Bart. Nephew to the Right Hon. Lord Viſcount Tyrconnel, and Member of Parliament for Grantham in Lincolnſhire, was married, at Creſſy in the ſame County, to Miſs Ethelbred Payne, one of the Daughters and Coheireſſes of Thomas Payne, Eſq; of Hough on the Hill, deceas'd; a young Lady of great Beauty and Merit.

And we hear that a Treaty of Marriage is on foot, and will ſpeedily be concluded, between her Siſter, Miſs Elizabeth Payne, and Henry Vernon, Eſq; Son to ——— Vernon, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Commiſſioners of the Exciſe, and Nephew to the Admiral. Theſe two Ladies are reputed to be worth 100,000 l.

By private Letters from Oſtend there is Advice, that a few Days ago died there Roger Nowell, Eſq; a Gentleman poſſeſs'd of 1000 l. a Year in Hampſhire; he was in the Commiſſion of the Peace for that County, and ſerv'd High Sheriff in the late Reign.

Laſt Saturday died at Oxford the Rev. Dr. Buck, Rector of Tackley in that County: He ſucceeded the Rev. Dr. Wyles in the Rectory about ten Weeks ſince, and will be ſucceeded by the Rev. Dr. Walker, Senior Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford.

The ſame Day died the noted Mrs. Haywood, who for many Years kept the Bagnio in Charles-ſtreet, Covent-Garden, ſaid to have died worth upwards of 10,000 l.

Laſt Sunday died, after a few Days Illneſs, the Reverend and Learned Dr. Romney, Rector of St. Peter's at St. Alban's, and Lecturer of St. Giles's, Cripplegate.

A few Days ſince the Rev. Mr. Darell was unanimouſly choſen Lecturer of the united Pariſhes of St. Olave Jewry and St. Martin Ironmonger, in the room of the Rev. Dr. Jennour, who hath reſign'd.

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On Tueſday a Diſpenſation paſs'd the Great Seal to enable the Rev. Francis Brown, M. A. Chaplain to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, to hold the Vicarage of Weſtfield, in the County of Suſſex and Dioceſe of Chicheſter, together with the Rectory of Sadleſcome, in the ſaid County and Dioceſe.

The Rev. Mr. Charles Ray, Domeſtick Chaplain to the Biſhop of Ely, is by his Lordſhip preſented to the Vicarage of St. Peter's in St. Albans, void by the Death of the Rev. Dr. Romney.

The Rev. Edward Smith, Doctor of Laws, Fellow of All-Souls College in Oxford, is preſented, by the Warden and Fellows of that College to the Rectory of Harrietſham near Maidſtone, void by the Death of Mr. Weſt.

The Rev. Dr. Herring is collated, by his Grace the Archbiſhop of York, to the Rectory of Carlton, vacant by the Ceſſion of the Rev. Mr. Edward Gregory, the late Incumbent.

Wedneſday ſe'nnight the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 1464, 17,471, 56,674, 79,145, 3628, and 69,020, 100 l. each.

Thurſday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 77,678, 3000 l. 28,594, 500 l. 23,540, 44031, 57,301, 18,463, 2239, 2496 and 25,074, 100 l. each.

On Friday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 32,779, 3139, 20,786, 27,951, 13,129, 47,895, and 61,536, 100 l. each.

Laſt Saturday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 5705, 29,847, 35,080, 50,173, and 214764, 100 l. each.

Monday Number 21,125 was drawn a Prize of 500 l.

Tueſday the following Numbers were drawn Prizes, viz. 67,309, 1090 l. 55,920, 500 l. 71,923, 41,657, 68,152, 2078, 54,112, and 42,809, 100 l. each.

Within theſe few Days ſeveral Perſons have been committed to Southwark Bridewell for two Months, for retailing Spirituous Liquors without a Licence: The Penalty, according to the Act, is 10 l. or two Months Impriſonment.

Laſt Tue day ſix Perſons were convicted before the Commiſſioners of Exciſe for retailing of Tea, not being enter'd Dealers, and fin'd in the Penalty of 200 l. each. At the ſame Time three enter'd Dealers were convicted of concealing Tea in unenter'd Places, whereby they forfeited the Goods and treble the Value.

On Saturday laſt Thomas Pippin, Driver of a Hackney Coach, was try'd at Hicks's-Hall, upon an Indictment for maliciouſly and wilfully endeavouring to overſet a Gentleman's Coach, and finding that he could not accompliſh his wicked Deſign, having frighten'd the Ladies that were in the ſaid Coach to a very great Degree, he thought fit to beat the Gentleman's Servant for attempting to take his Number, for which Miſdemeanors he was committed to Clerkenwell Bridewell for three Months to hard Labour. 'Tis to be hop'd the brutiſh Part of this Fraternity will take Warning by this, there being Acts of Parliament to puniſh them for ſuch Crimes, by any Magiſtrate, without taking the Trouble of indicting.

Laſt Saturday Morning the Houſe of Mrs. Manywell, a Gardener at Deptford, was broke open and robb'd of upwards of 100 l. in Gold, which ſhe had acquir'd by her Induſtry, and intended it for a poor Child whom ſhe keeps. She left her Houſe ſafe at Four in the Morning, when ſhe went to Market, but on her Return found the Cheſt broke open and the Money gone.

Laſt Monday Morning the Houſe of Mr. Baker, a Pawnbroker in Horſlydown, Fair-Street, was broke open and robb'd of Things to a very great Value, which the Rogues carry'd off undiſcover'd.

Yeſterday ſe'nnight, about Eight at Night, as one Mrs. Felton, Houſekeeper to a Gentleman at Chelſea, was returning home from London, ſhe was attack'd near Buckingham Houſe by a Man and a Woman, who robb'd her of about Three Guineas, her Rings, and a Cap, and made off undiſcovered.

Laſt Saturday Mr. Marriot, a Painter in Holbourn, coming home from Hampſtead, was attack'd near Pancras by ſix Footpads, who all ruſh'd upon him with open'd Claſp Knives, threatning to hack him to Pieces if he did not deliver without any Noiſe or Trouble: They took from him his Watch, a Moidore and ſome Silver, his Hat and Wig, and then made off.

On Sunday Night laſt Mr. Weſt, a Hatter, was attack'd by two Street-Robbers in Glean-Alley, Tooley-Street, Southwark, as he was going to his Houſe in Church-Street, Horſlydown, one of whom call'd him by his Name, and without any farther Ceremony knock'd him down with a Bludgeon, then took his Hat and Wig, and ran away, without attempting to rifle his Pockets: The Blow has made ſo great a Contuſion on his Head that 'tis thought he can't recover.

Laſt Week one Beezley and another Man, both Houſe-breakers, were taken at Sevenoaks in Kent, and committed to Maidſtone Gaol, by Sir Multon Lambard, Bart. Sir Thomas Farnaby, Bart. and Jeffery Amherſt, Eſq; for robbing of one Hardes, a poor old Man that keeps a little Alehouſe on Madams-court Hill: The Villains were not content only to take the poor Peoples Money and beſt Part of their Houſhold Goods, but likewiſe uſed him and his Wife after a barbarous and cruel Manner.

On Saturday laſt William Shaw was committed to the New Gaol in Southwark by William Hammond, Eſq; for ſtealing a great Quantity of Plate out of the Houſe of Roger Drake, Eſq; in Leadenhall-ſtreet: He was ſeiz'd in Southwark offering the Plate to ſale.

Laſt Monday the thirteen Priſoners who were capitally convicted receiv'd Sentence of Death, at the Seſſions-Houſe in the Old Baily, viz.

John Gerrard, for picking the Pocket of Alexander Murray, Eſq; of a Cambrick Handkerchief at Drury-Lane Playhouſe.

Samuel Bowring and Henry Barrett, two Soldiers, for robbing John Lane on the Highway, near the Halfway Houſe to Hampſtead.

Julius Hunt, for robbing John Doe, the Poſt-Man, near Whitechapel Priſon.

Joſeph Learn, for robbing Mr. Hearne and Mr. Jennings in the Aileſbury Stage-Coach.

Peter Rogers, otherwiſe Jonoquire, for forging and publiſhing a Bill of Exchange for 25 l. on Mr. Peter Muilman, Merchant.

William Clark, for ſtealing a Silver Cup, &c. in the Dwelling Houſe of Edward Ruddell.

Eleanor Gearing, for robbing John Callin of nine Shillings, at a Houſe in George-Alley by Fleet-Ditch.

Thomas Hill, a Cardmaker, who was try'd for counterfeiting the Labels and Stamps denoting the Duty paid on Cards, and for ſelling and expoſing Cards to Sale, knowing the Stamp or Mark thereon to be falſe and counterfeit: It appear'd by the Evidence on the Trial, that he had a Garret in Southwark, wherein was a Rolling-Preſs, and other Implements fit for counterfeiting the Stamps, &c. but as no Plates were found, nor any Proof given to the Court of his having been ſeen working them off, the Jury found him guilty of only one Part of the Indictment, viz. vending and ſelling Cards knowing them to be counterfeit, which was prov'd by his late Maſter.

Jacob Cordoſa, a Jew, for breaking out of Newgate while under Sentence of Tranſportation.

Samuel Moſes, Solomon Athern and Michael Jude, three Jews, for breaking open the Houſe of Mr. Young, a Goldſmith in Bloomſtury, and robbing him of Plate, &c. to a great Value.

The Court then adjourn'd the Seſſions 'till Friday the 13th of January next.

Laſt Week came on a remarkable Trial before Sir Henry Penrice, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, at Doctors Commons, viz. the Ship St. Lewis was taken by an Engliſh Man of War at the Commencement of the preſent War with Spain, being laden with Spaniſh Goods from Bilboa, the Property of ſome Engliſh Merchants reſiding at Madrid: It was prov'd that the ſaid Goods were put on board, and the Ship ſail'd out of the Spaniſh Port, before Notice was had of a Declaration of War, whereupon the Court thought proper to reſtore the Ship and Cargo to the Owners.

At the ſame time a Claim was made in Behalf of Mr. Barrow, an Engliſh Merchant reſiding in Spain, for 4000 Dollars, Part of the Cargo belonging to the St. Joſeph, taken by Admiral Haddock at the Beginning of the War, which being prov'd his Property before War was declar'd in Spain againſt England, the Claim was judg'd legal.

The St. Agnetta, a Spaniſh Ship of great Value, taken by his Majeſty's Ships the Ipſwich, Pembroke, Oxford and Kennington, on the Coaſt of Barbary, is condemn'd by the Court of Admiralty as a legal Prize, and the Shares are order'd to be paid to the Captors the 10th and 11th of January.

Laſt Tueſday, at a Court of Admiralty, John Fletcher, Mate of the John and Johannah, was indicted for the Murder of John Danvers, an Officer belonging to his Majeſty's Cuſtoms at Bridlington in Yorkſhire, who was in a Boat belonging to a Cuſtom-Houſe Sloop, endeavouring to board the ſaid John and Johannah, to ſearch for uncuſtom'd Goods, about a League from Bridlington. The Council for the Proſecution were Dr. Paul, Dr. Strahan, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Rider; for the Priſoner, Mr. Serjeant Wynne, and Dr. Andrew. The Trial laſted ſeveral Hours, and the Jury were ſome Hours before they could agree. They once propos'd to find a Special Verdict, yet at length brought the Priſoner in Guilty; but recommended him for Mercy.

And Andrew Millar, for the Murder of his Commander, Capt. James Nelſon, on board the Thomas and Diana, as ſhe lay at her Moorings at Smyrna in Turky. They both receiv'd Sentence of Death the ſame Night. And then the Court adjourn'd to Doctors Commons, where they will meet the 20th of next Month.

James Hall, who ſtands charg'd with High Treaſon, in fighting againſt his King and Country, [illegible] on two Affidavits made, order'd to remain in [illegible] dy 'till the next Admiralty Seſſions; the pri[illegible] Evidence for the King being in Parts beyond th[illegible] He was taken in Arms, and acted as Second M[illegible] board a Spaniſh Privateer, belonging to Bilbo[illegible]

We learn by private Letters from Hamburgh, that certain Intelligence has been received from Derbent, that Thamas Kouli Kan has ordered a conſiderable Fleet to be equipp'd inſtantly on the Caſpian Sea.

They write from Baſle, that the Works which the French are raiſing upon the Rhine are very conſiderable, and that it is not very eaſy to gueſs the Intent of them; but that the general Opinion there ſeems to be, that when the French have paſs'd 30 or 40,000 Men, they will be join'd by the Imperial Forces, and begin to extend themſelves into Suabia.

His Majeſty's Ship the Hampſhire being on a Cruize, retook on the 27th of laſt Month, in the Latitude 45, 25, the Ramhead diſtant 143 Leagues, a Brigantine, call'd the Lydia of Pool, Robert Farewell, Maſter, which had been taken about 30 Hours before, in her Way from Newfoundland to Avero, by a Spaniſh Dogger Privateer, of 4 Carriage and 6 Swivel Guns, and 65 Men, which had been ten Days out of St. Sebaſtian's. The Privateer had taken out her Maſter, Mate, two more Men, and a Boy, leaving only two Men and a Boy in her, and put nine Spaniards on board her, who are made Priſoners. A Midſhipman and five more Men were put on board her from the Hampſhire, in order to bring her to Spithead, but by contrary Winds ſhe has been forced into Milford Haven.

The Providence, Arnold, from Newfoundland for Leghorn, is taken by ſome Spaniſh Privateers and carried into Majorca; and when this Account came away the ſaid Privateers were in Chace of another Ship from the ſaid Place.

On Monday came Advice that the Dove, Cooper, from Newfoundland for Portugal, was taken the 17th of November by the St. Gabriel, a Spaniſh Privateer of eight Carriage and twelve Swivel Guns, off Viana, and carry'd into Malaga.

Extract of a Letter from St. Chriſtopher's, Oct. 27.

'We have had continually News for theſe two 'Months paſt of Damages done at Sea by Storms 'and Hurricanes, ſo that our Trade is at preſent 'very bad: The Spaniſh Privateers infeſt theſe Seas, 'and greatly interrupt our Merchantmen; we want 'a few more Men of War to protect us, and if ſome 'are not ſent to our Aſſiſtance very ſoon, all Traf-'fick will be at an End."

From the London Gazette.

Whitehall, Dec. 10. The King has been pleaſed to conſtitute and appoint the Right Hon. Daniel Earl of Winchelſea and Nottingham, John Cockburne, Eſq; Archibald Hamilton, Eſq; commonly call'd Lord Archibald Hamilton, the Right Hon. Charles Lord Baltimore, George Lee, Eſq; Doctor of Laws, together with Sir Charles Hardy, Knt. and John Phillipſon, Eſq; in the room of Philip Cavendiſh and John Trevor, Eſqrs. deceas'd, to be Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the Kingdoms of Great Britain and Ireland, and all the Dominions, Iſlands and Territories thereunto reſpectively belonging.

Whitehall, Dec. 10. The King has been pleaſed to grant unto the Right Hon. George Earl of Cholmondeley, the Office of Keeper of his Majeſty's Privy Seal.

And alſo to grant unto the Right Hon. Henry Pelham, Eſq; the Offices of Chancellor and Under Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.

Admiralty Office, Dec. 10. In purſuance of his Majeſty's Pleaſure, the Right Hon. the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty have made the following Promotion of Flag Officers of his Majeſty's Fleet.

Thomas Davers, and the Hon. George Clinton, Eſqrs. Rear Admirals of the Red Squadron.

William Rowley, Eſq; Rear Admiral of the White. And

William Martin, Eſq; Rear Admiral of the Blue.

At the Court of St. James's, the 13th Day of December, 1743. PRESENT,

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